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Weather Cloudy and mild

Word processing best in province

By PAULINE KING
Staff Writer

Arrival of 22 WANG word processors will qualify Niagara College as one of the largest word processing training centres in all of the community colleges in Ontario, Neil McGregor, chairman of the hospitality and secretarial divisions, said.

"We're in the process of getting all the requirements ready," he said. These include checking the power and support services required for the installation of the word processors which will be located in M12.

The new processors will be made available to other programs that do not now include word processing. Such programs might be medical records, library technician, accounting and journalism.

"I believe this is the reason why the board gave approval," Mr. McGregor said of the machines' availability to other programs.

The Board of Governors approved the purchase, estimated at $200,000, in December. They should arrive within a matter of days or weeks. The college already owns eight WANG word processors located in M3.

Part of the $200,000 will be used to upgrade and expand the memory of the eight. They are used "night and day." Mr. McGregor said continuing education students pay up to $80 a course to use the machines.

At present, the word processors are available to secretarial arts students — 140 students a year — for three hours a week for one term. They are taught just the basic level.

The purchase of the processors will allow the school to "expand to give them both the basic and intermediate levels of training," Mr. McGregor said. Students will be able to work for four hours a week and the term will be expanded to two, instead of one.

The system will be able to make contact with the mainframe computer in the computer centre.

To make guidelines clear March '84 SAC elections

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Guidelines for this year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) elections will be more clearly explained to the candidates to eliminate any problems that might occur, Denis Noel, SAC president, said.

The guidelines, which are included in the new SAC constitution, will be made available to candidates along with job descriptions of each of the SAC positions. The job descriptions will outline the duties of SAC executives.

Denis said some of the candidates in last year's election did not know what they were getting into because the duties and guidelines were not made clear.

Under the constitution, which was drawn up last year, all nominations for office must be submitted in person to the chief returning officer by Feb. 27, 21 days before elections March 19 and 20.

Candidates must be enrolled as full-time students in any program at the college, have a minimum scholastic average of 60 per cent, be eligible to be bonded and be 18 years of age on the day of the election.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the nominee and at least one other full-time student.

To ensure that the elections run smoothly and everyone understands the rules, SAC will hold a meeting for all candidates on Feb. 21 at which copies of the guidelines and job descriptions will be distributed. Denis said this is so "there won't be mass confusion like last year."

Campaigning will run for one week only starting on March 12, Denis said. All campaigning will end on March 16 at which point all posters must be taken down.

Bear with me, my Valentine

For those who find Valentine's Day unbearable because they don't have a partner, a Teddy Bear could provide hours of consolation. As Maria Mussari, first-year sales and merchandising student, sits in a heartland created by fellow students for the romantic day, a cuddly bear awaits the soft affection of a broken-yearted person. Can you see the sympathy in his warm eyes?

(Photo by Chitra Ramasethu)

Inside the NEWS

No nude scene in Equus

A nude scene in Equus has been deleted from the production. This was the result of a petition by the college administration. Page 3

Fifth straight win for Knights

Men's hockey Knights beat Erie Community College at Orchard Park. Dave O'Laughlin sparked the Knights to their fifth win. Page 15.

Horticultural technician

Horticultural technicians learn identification and use of plant material, landscape design, construction and maintenance. See photographs on Spotlight. Pages 8 and 9.

Questionnaire

Student centre reactions mixed

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has received 92 responses in favor and 21 opposed to having a student centre built.

At press time, 113 questionnaires had been received. They were distributed last Monday asking students, faculty and administration for their opinion on a student centre and for any suggestions.

One question was whether the student activity fee should be increased to help cover expenses. Of the 92 positive responses, 50 people were in favor, 18 were opposed and 24 didn't answer the question.

Some of the positive comments were that students would have something to do with leisure time and there would be more study room. One reply was that there could be better food; therefore, rather than going out to restaurants, the money would stay in the school. There were

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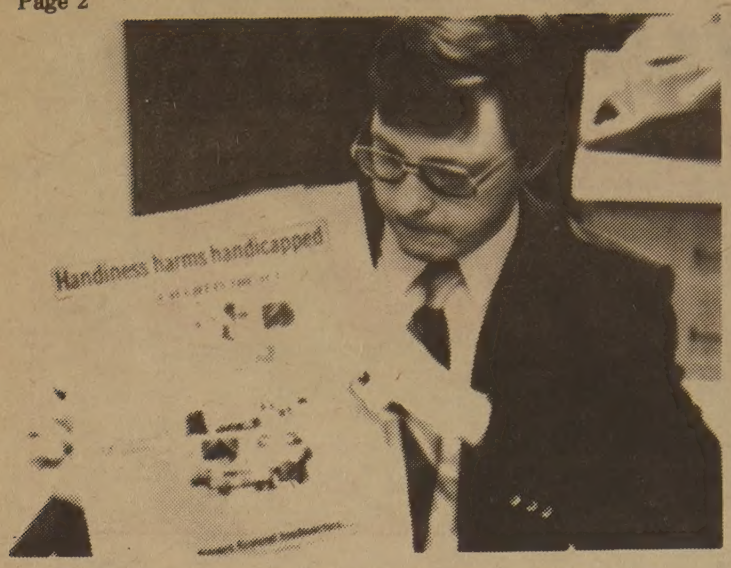

Tim Byng, Niagara graduate, shows award-winning story.

1980 graduate wins newspaper award

Tim Byng, a graduate of the journalism-print program at Niagara College, has won a premier award in a province-wide newspaper competition for a two-part article on the abuse of handicapped parking spaces by non-handicapped people.

Mr. Byng, 24, placed second in the ministry of citizenship and culture category in the contest sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA). The award was given for his articles which appeared in the Guardian Express on June 11 and 15, 1983.

The contest, in which 236 Ontario newspapers compete, was judged by the Atlantic Community Newspaper Association. Mr. Byng won for his articles, entitled "Handiness harms handicapped" in which he sites a number of problems the handicapped face when the spaces reserved for them are taken. The first article was accompanied by photographs of non-handicapped "caught in the act" of using spaces reserved for the handicapped.

1980 GRADUATE

Mr. Byng graduated from Niagara College in 1980 and worked for the Welland Tribune until 1982. He has worked with the Guardian Express since it started in November, 1982.

The OCNA is an organization concerned with improving and promoting community newspapers across Ontario. It gives overall awards for newspaper excellence and premier awards for excellence in specific areas. The Guardian Express joined the OCNA in 1982.

Club raises money for cultural trip

The Frenchship Club raised $205 during its bazaar and hair cut offer on Jan. 31, Marcella Therrien, adviser to the club, said.

The day featured a flea market in front of the library and a hair-cutting place in the cafeteria. "A lot of goodies" were sold, such as sandwiches, salads, and baked goods, Mme Therrien said. "Care packages" containing canned goods were raffled off for students who live by themselves. In addition, tickets for a St. Valentine's Day dinner for two were sold.

Mexican Week is coming up on Feb. 21 and 23. Mme Therrien's famous chile con carne will be sold in front of the library by members dressed in Mexican garb. "I am known for my chile," she said. The club sells bilingual cookbooks which include her chile recipe as well as others she is often asked for.

A trip called The Great Adventure into Quebec is planned for Feb. 26. During their one-week visit, club members will speak French and mingle with French Canadians.

"It is a cultural trip with three cultural activities planned for each day," she said.

Scholarships available for immersion courses

Students interested in a six-week French immersion program should apply as soon as possible.

Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French Languages Services, says there are only a certain number of scholarships available and a large number of applicants throughout Canada. When the appplication forms arrive at Niagara College, an announcement will be aired on the public address.

Students interested should keep in touch with the French Languages Services in Hennepin Hall on a daily basis.

"Only one day can make a difference," Mme Vigeant said. "Scholarships are given on a first-come first-served basis."

Students can get credited for the course if they make arrangements with their college before leaving. A French immersion program is also available to francophones who feel they are losing their grasp of the French language.

The scholarship provides for tuition fees, which are paid directly, and an accommodation allowance. Costs do not have to be justified with receipts.

Many colleges in Quebec offer the programs, namely CEGEP Jonquiere in Riverie du Loup, Laval University in Quebec City and the five campuses of the University of Quebec in Montreal, Quebec City, Hull, Chicoutimi and Rimouski.

All Canadian citizens or landed immigrants enrolled in a post-secondary institution at time of applications are eligible to receive a scholarship.

Globe & Mail

Hires grad as editor

By JUDY MCEWEN
Staff Writer

LINDA CLARK

Any stereotyped image still hanging around of the cigar-chewing, hard-nosed editor vanishes when you meet Linda Clark, new copy editor at the Globe and Mail.

The 30-year-old Niagara College journalism-print graduate (class of '74) still looks like a wide-eyed school girl ready to go on her first assignment.

Employed at The St. Catharines Standard for the past five years, Miss Clark said she looks forward to "the challenge," starting Feb. 20, of working for the Globe and Mail, a newspaper "with its own reporters" all over the world.

On the other hand, she will miss the variety of work at the Standard where she was able to work on "layout, the wire and subbing as news editor."

The soft-spoken Niagara Falls native, who described herself as "very shy" as a student, found shyness melted away after she started working as a reporter.

RIGHT TO WORK

And there was no easing herself into the job. She recounted her first work term placement after second year. Sent to the Sudbury Star, she found the employees on strike. Miss Clark was "shipped off to Espanola" where the newspaper had no reporter. Her first duty? Covering an inquest.

After graduation she worked for The Midland Free Press, The Cambridge Daily Reporter and The Niagara Falls Review.

"You do everything" at a small newspaper, said the woman who once considered working as women's editor, covering city hall and darkroom duties all in a day's work. In the newspaper business, "you can't pay that much attention to the clock."

On the subject of clocks, Miss Clark, who works from 5 a.m. to early afternoon, admitted that a small fringe benefit of her new job will be the hours. Not a morning person, she looks forward to a workday that starts at 4 p.m.

Miss Clark's criteria for success could be used by anyone: "Work hard. Know your craft. Be willing to do anything you're told to do — don't figure your talents are bigger than the assignment."

That blend of determination and confidence, seasoned with a little humility, has taken the Niagara News student reporter to the city desk of Canada's national newspaper.

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Five o'clock shadow?

Sunshine breaks through a cluster of trees on Pelham Street in Fonthill. Scenes like this may be coming to an end as the spring thaw approaches. (Photo by Bill Potrecz)

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Elects Emil Knebel APEO councillor

Emil Knebel, co-ordinator of the electrical engineering technician program, has been elected as the Western Regional Councillor for the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (APEO).

Mr. Knebel, who was chairman last year for the Niagara Chapter of APEO, said he is looking forward to this opportunity to meet other people in different areas.

"I will make good contacts which is good publicity for Niagara College. It is good promotion and it always helps to make contacts."

Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean of technology, said he is very pleased about Mr. Knebel.

"I think it is an excellent opportunity for Emil. One of the things that the college supports is for people to get out in the community and become involved."

Mr. Knebel who has been at Niagara College since 1972, said in this new position, he will have to attend about 35 to 40 days a year of meetings in Toronto and other parts of the province.

LARGE AREA

His area of responsibility is the Niagara region, Windsor, London and Hamilton which are part of the southwestern area, an area in which there are about 12,000 engineers. In all of Ontario, there are about 50,000 engineers.

APEO is an association set up to regulate the practice of professional engineering in Ontario. There are about 16 people on the executive and the council.

Mr. Knebel said APEO issues licences to engineers, both permanent and temporary. These are usually issued to foreign engineers who have a contract in Canada.

Mr. Knebel will officially take over this new position on March 28. He said, "As an engineer, personally I think we receive many benefits and I should do my part in contributing what I can."

Alcock on peace vs. war

A lecture on institutions of peace versus the instruments of war will be presented by Norman Alcock, author and president of the World Federalists of Canada, at the college on Thursday.

Mr. Alcock, a nuclear scientist and former director of the Canadian Peace Research Institute, will speak in Room 107 of the Simcoe building at 12:10.

He is the author of several books; his latest book, Peace Makers Association of Nations, was published in 1983.

He is a visiting lecturer at York University and has lectured at least three times before at Niagara College.

Admin. cancels nude scene

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

A nude scene in Equus, the new Theatre Centre production which opens tonight, has been deleted from the production.

Audiences will receive programs that read: "The play Equus contains a nude scene. This scene has been deleted in this production by petition of the college administration."

In a notice distributed to area schools, John Rapsey, program co-ordinator and artistic director of the Theatre Centre, said:

"Teachers who are familiar with the play will remember that there is a nude scene towards the end. We will refrain from nudity for school audiences. This production would be appropriate for students in Grades 11-13 especially those in advanced English courses and Theatre Arts."

I.J. Giancarlo, executive dean and dean of applied arts, said, "Upon discussion, the administrators of the school felt that we did not want to restrict anyone from attending the evening performances, therefore we felt that it would be judicious to do the evening performances in the same manner as the day performances would be done."

CREATE FURORE

David Davies, chairman of the human services division which includes the theatre program, said keeping the nude scene in the play "would *create a furore needlessly.*"

As the Theatre Centre's purpose is technical training, the nude scene "doesn't add or subtract from the learning experience."

The discussion involved in deleting the nude scene was extensive, Mr. Davies said. There were many considerations.

"As a community college we have to be responsive to the community. The dean and I looked at the pluses and negatives: censorship and responsibility to a community."

They decided to deal with the criticisms and maintain the college structure as a learning institution.

"It's a superb play, a classic. I believe the play will be successful either way."

Duncan McIntosh, guest director and a member of the Shaw Festival Company, said the play will gain from the deletion.

"Because of pressure from administration to delete the nude scene we have found an alternative way which is equally shocking if not more so."

By maintaining the shock, he will be doing what he was contracted to do, he said. "The nude scene is not shocking because people have expected it but now they don't know what to expect."

Andy Hathaway, one of the two students who would have been involved in the nude scene, said he was "most definitely" willing to do it. Samantha Rumball said she had not decided whether she would or would not do the scene nude but she was "starting to really get into the role of Jill so I probably would have."

"The scene is very passionate, loving, and not dirty," Samantha said. "Making him (Andy) put his clothes on makes it dirty. We can't be passionate."

REASON FOR DOUBTS

Explaining her uncertainty about whether to do the scene, she said, "I'm very conscious of my body and my mother would be seeing the play."

"We are old enough to deal with it (the nudity) and the audience sure would be," she said.

Andy said " the play was written that way for a very particular reason; it's a *shame" they deleted it. But* he thinks there is too much emphasis on the nude scene. "It's only one small part of the play."

He was willing to do the scene because that is the way the play was written, but now, "it doesn't make that much difference. The way we're doing it the shock is still there."

Whether it be done nude or not is not the important point, he said. "The whole thing is whether we get the right feeling or not."

SAC cancels carnival

There will be no Winter Carnival at the college this year because of the poor participation in previous years' winter carnivals and a request for a half-day off classes was turned down, said Denis Noel, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president.

"In past years winter carnivals have all bombed," Denis said. "We will put more effort into the barbecue" which is scheduled for April 12.

He said the barbecue will stand a better chance of success because the weather will be warmer and it will be a week-and-a-half before exams.

SAC had asked for a half-day off from classes for the carnival but the request was turned down by the college administration because it had not been given enough notice.

Winter blues

Spring past February blahs

By RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

February — the shortest month and, yet, the most boring.

The blahs start creeping up inside of us because we all know spring is a long time ahead and Christmas is far passed.

Spring clothes are still packed away waiting for warm weather and sunny days. Christmas presents have either been returned or are collecting dust somewhere.

So with spring fever a long time in coming and the merriment of Christmas passed, we all feel tired, bored and just plain dead.

Why does this short month have us feel this way?

According to studies, people appear to be subject to light changes.

Because we spend more time indoors and because there are fewer hours of daylight, people become depressed with the lack of exposure to sunlight.

The record cold weather we experienced doesn't help warm up the doldrums inside of us either.

According to Dr. Michael Persinger, psychology professor at Laurentian University, Sudbury, weather controls 30 per cent of people's mood changes.

The severe depression people experience will only ease with the coming of spring, Psychology Today Magazine said.

But until spring comes — which will be another six weeks, according to some groundhogs — how can we cheer ourselves up?

Well, depending on one's love life, or lack of it, Valentine's Day could cure the blahs or make them critical.

Vacation

Going away on a vacation would lift anyone's spirits. Besides the trip itself, the excitement of planning, the anticipation of departure and last minute details will keep one's mind off his or her depressed mood.

Another spirit-lifter would be wearing colorful clothes. Not only would they brighten up your wardrobe but you, too.

According to University of California scientists, you can actually fool your body into thinking you're happy when you really aren't.

Heart rates and skin temperatures change just as if you were truly feeling that emotion.

So put on a happy face and try to forget those dreadful February blahs because March is just a couple of short weeks away.

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EDITORIALS

Airplane safety takes 2nd billing

Even as aircraft suffer mishaps with mounting irregularity, the docile paying passenger doggedly refuses to rise to any level of anger.

Are we so sheeplike that we cannot question why our lives are treated in such a cavalier fashion at 30,000 feet? Again and again.

A part of the department of transportation investigates air accidents. It promptly takes charge of all evidence and makes an interpretation. However, this department is also responsible for air safety in the country. Consequently, every time a plane falls from the sky, the good old agency sits in judgment of itself.

Justice Charles Dubin of the Ontario Court of Appeal in a report recommended an independent aviation safety board to investigate air accidents and potential hazards to safe travel.

Transport Minister Lloyd Axworthy has promised to set up an independent board.

Bureaucratic infighting and indifference has blocked and delayed for several years the replacement of obsolete radars at major airports.

Safety experts say the final arbiter is more interested in economics than in safety.

It is no surprise that red tape endangers our lives as much as inadequate standards of safety and inefficient navigational aids.

One of the trends Mr. Dubin discovered was the resistance of senior management to criticism, and failure to take prompt action to counter safety deficiencies.

When morale is low at the top, it percolates to all levels and efficiency does suffer.

Until sufficient professionalism is infected into the bureaucratic side and corners are not cut, the Canadian passenger will not be safe when he fastens his seat-belt.

Chitra Ramasethu

$ Lost in Space as jobs lost here

It is not only in underdeveloped countries that people are going hungry. This is happening in two of the richest and most prosperous countries in the world. There are 1.5 million jobless and 4 million needy in Canada. In the United States a five-month report by a Citizens Commission on Hunger in New England warns that hunger is becoming a serious problem there.

How can a government justify throwing away more than $150 million in space when so many people are jobless and hungry?

It is more than the loss of a communications satellite or two that is at stake here. It is the loss of self-esteem of a whole generation who will never know the security of having a job. It is the loss of youthful idealism to depression, despair and finally suicide.

How can a government justify spending millions on armaments while cutting down on social security and other assistance programs?

Isn't the whole point having something left to defend?

Aletha Jones

Bullpit

Student centre is school's heart

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

Academically, Niagara College is the tops, but as for socially, this school can be the pits. This is because the students of this college need a place they can call their own.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has proposed to have a student centre built. As Denis Noel, SAC president, said, this school lacks a heart—the student centre could be the missing heart.

Drawings of the proposed building have been made and SAC plans to make a presentation to the administration in the near future. Most students will be pleased to hear this, but that isn't enough—they have to get involved. Students who believe in this project have to stand behind SAC and give full support.

Questionnaires concerning the student centre were in last week's SAC paper and it's up to the students to fill one out and return it to SAC suggestion boxes. After all, what is worth having is worth fighting for.

WORTHWHILE PLAN?

However, many questions may arise such as is it worth having a student centre? It sure is because just look at the space allocated to students to study or socialize in. A prime example is the library which students use to study and others to socialize. There is no happy medium as both groups antagonize each other trying to get some fulfilment out of the school day.

So, where else can students socialize? Ah yes, there are quite a few lounging areas spread out through the college. Unfortunately, due to the isolated areas they are designated in, groups begin to form.

For example, on the third floor in the Simcoe lounge, there are the law and security students and in the Tecumseh lounge, there are the technology students.

However, it is possible there may be a glimpse of someone from a different program whisking off to the mini cafeteria.

NOT THE GREATEST

Have you ever tried meeting people while they are deciding on a roast beef or tuna sandwich? It isn't the greatest atmosphere.

Furthermore, study space is also limited. During double lunches the library is packed with students using its resources. The students who don't get in there soon enough get the luxury of studying in the lounges or the cafeteria. Nothing like a quiet place, eh?

It's the same old story—lack of participation at the school whether it be in sports or SAC-sponsored events. What students need is a little incentive and motivation—what would be better than a student centre? Somewhere to go through the day or night. So, if you think this is what Niagara College needs, give your support to SAC.

Changing frontier

Frozen solitude envelops the Lake Ontario shoreline at Port Dalhousie. The lighthouse, perched on the end of the wharf, beams its signals to ships and pleasure yachts on the lake in the summer. Now, however, the lighthouse stands as a solitary sentinel, watching over the flocks of pigeons that alight and the strolling passersby. The thriving summer community of Port Dalhousie with its vacationers, boaters and swimmers is deserted. Come warmer weather, the beach and waterways will be crowded once again and local residents will long for the quiet of winter.
(Photo by Jane Stirling)

In other words

Magic carpet ride, anyone?

Dear Editor:

Staff in the S210 Applied Arts Office Area are taking a risk everytime we leave our desks to go to another office in the area. It is an obstacle course getting around the telephone outlet holes, the carpet folds, the masking tape marking off areas that are hazards to us. One gets to play hop-scotch whether he wishes to participate in the game or not.

Just my little corner of the world alone has been patched, glued, and repaired five times in the past year. Actually the carpet adorning my neighbor's dog house is in better condition than the carpet of which I speak.

I wonder what impression people must get, especially those visiting from outside the college, when they see the deteriorating physical conditions of S210.

J. Ventresca
Applied Arts

Bundle of joy for instructor

John Mundy, an instructor in the machine shop at the Welland Vale campus in St. Catharines, became a great-grandfather on Jan. 24 at the tender age of 64.

His great-grandson, Jason Christopher Longster, joins a large family with 13 aunts and uncles.

The parents of Jason are Marci and Gary Longster of Niagara Falls. Mr. Mundy has been teaching at Welland Vale for just over a year.

A native of London, England, he has been in Canada for seven years.

Flower, candy shops busy on Valentine's Day

By LINDA MacLEOD
Staff Writer

Everything's coming up roses! By the dozens! Candy in heart-shaped boxes and presents, oh the presents people can receive on Valentine's Day if their love is really valued by their mate.

Flower, card and candy shops are in their glory this time of year. For Valentine's Day is the time for all of those hopelessly in love people who want to buy or make something extra special for their lover.

This lovers' festival grew out of the ancient Roman Lupercalia, at which young people drew names from urns to determine their true loves.

St. Valentine was martyred on the eve of this day and the early Christian fathers named the Christian feast for him in an effort to combat the pagans' unrestrained morals. St. Valentine became, in common usage, a patron of lovers.

On this day birds and animals choose their mates and at one time, it was thought that the first young man a maiden saw on Feb. 14 was her true love.

Names, written on paper, wrapped in clay, and dropped in water, would sink — except the name of one's true love.

Unchanged

Now it's 1984 and things really have not changed in the world of love since Roman times. We still exchange gifts of love to our mates and special friends.

Charlie Grant, owner of Designs by Chae, a flower shop on Main Street, Niagara Falls, said Valentine's Day is a hectic day for him and his staff.

"Prices are high but it's going to be a good year," he said. It is the time when "all the lovers come out" to buy gifts for their special someone.

"It's a last minute day."

At Mr. Grant's flower shop, one dozen roses will sell for $40. "I think it is enough," he said.

Because of this dreary time of year, the demand is higher and growers will be asking for more money to produce more flowers. "It's all supply and demand," Mr. Grant said, "We try to keep our prices lower."

He has one special: an orchid in a rose bowl. It is less expensive and it lasts for at least three weeks, "which is fantastic."

When roses only last four to five days, an orchid is a good buy and pushes the traditional rose aside. "Every woman should have an orchid one time in her life."

Mr. Grant's family-operated business has been open for a year and has big orders this Valentine's Day to fill. Each member of the staff at Greater Niagara General Hospital will receive a carnation ordered from Designs by Chae. The shop will also be sending carnations to Stamford Collegiate Vocational Institute.

Regina Thiessen, owner of Regina's Flowers, Main Street, Niagara Falls, said Valentine's Day is "a day which is specifically busy."

Men realize

There's a tendency among men to realize it is Valentine's Day. "It seems to hit them; then they have to do something about it."

One dozen red roses at Regina's Flower Shop are from $36 to $42. One rose on that day will cost $4.50.

"Valentine's Day falls in the time of year when there is hardly any production. "Production is the lowest and demand is the highest this time of year."

"Flowers are not strictly feminine any more." Mrs. Thiessen said it does not make a man feel feminine if he receives a rose. Stereotyping a person is out. "People can just be people," then everyone will enjoy beautiful flowers.

Valentine's Day "has to be the most nerve-racking selling day of the year," she said, "I wish Valentine's Day was in the summer — then everybody would be happy."

Happy Valentine's Day

SPECTRUM

Valentine's Day / Computers

New Valentine ideas

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Flowers, candy and diamonds have been traditional Valentines day gift favorites, but you might want to consider trying something different this year.

How about a bunch of balloons delivered by a Playboy bunny or a bottle of Essence of Niagara perfume?

Several local retailers have given their highest to lowest-priced gift ideas to the Niagara News.

Whatever your budget, there's an affordable token of affection to give your someone special on Valentine's day. From mild to wild, from el cheapo to extravagant, the gift you choose will say something about you.

Essence of Niagara perfume is on sale for Valentine's day at Robinsons in Niagara Falls. The 15 millilitre bottle of the made-in-Chicago fragrance had its price slashed from $1.50 to a mere 99 cents, said a company spokesman. Those with more sophisticated tastes, however, might prefer a $75 bottle of Nina Ricci's L'Air du Temps offered in a dove-topped flacon.

She suggests an old favorite for the valentine with a sense of humor — a pie in the face. For a mere $30, "a really nice-looking girl comes in and — WHACK!" The company requires a release to be signed by the person ordering, however, to absolve it from all responibility.

The choice of outfits for deliverers includes a clown, a rabbit wearing a valentine bow tie, a girl in a tuxedo or a mini-skirted tuxedo, or a Playboy-type bunny.

"Generally, we try to accommodate whatever a person's fantasy is as long as it's within the limits," Mrs. Haycox said. "But we have to draw the line at certain things, certainly at anything illegal."

Of course, an intimate dinner for two is always nice. Those who are pecuniarily constrained might opt for a dinner at McDonalds, Wendy's or Burger King for under $10. Then there is Rinderlins in Welland, a restaurant for those to whom money is no object. Its diningrooms offer classic French cuisine and fine vintage wines at under $100 for dinner for two. (No reservations needed at McDonalds.)

Seminar displays computer use

Computers are beneficial in today's fast-paced world because their speed is phenomenal, Brian McKeown, development officer in continuing education, said.

Mr. McKeown hopes many students will participate in a seminar scheduled next Thursday in the Secord Room at 5 p.m. Microcomputers in Engineering is co-sponsored by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, the Engineering Institute of Canada (Niagara Chapters) and continuing education services.

"Computers are becoming easier to use," Mr. McKeown said, and are used for "speed and efficiency."

The exibitors, including Niagara College, Regional Niagara, General Motors, Monenco, Hewlitt Packard, Beninger Engineering and Acres Consulting Services, will demonstrate the way computers are used.

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Thursday, Feb. 16

6:00 pm. Live-Basketball Double Header
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7:00 pm. Niagara College Sports Report

8:00 pm. Men's-Fanshawe vs. Niagara College

Sunday, Feb. 19

9:30 am. International College Hockey
Niagara College vs. University of Rochester

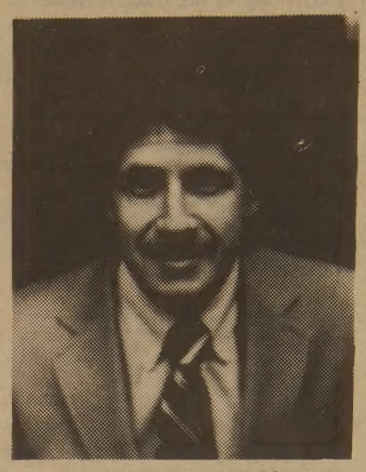
Colleges should enrol 'qualified applicants'

St. Catharines lawyer William Heelis believes colleges should enrol "qualified applicants who can effectively compete in the work force."

An employer of Niagara College legal assistant graduates, the new member of the Niagara College Board of Governors has served as chairman of the Legal Assistant program eight years.

Wanting to assist in the development of the Legal Assistant program he recognizes that lawyers should be involved in educating legal assistants.

He said that, "As colleges are constantly facing financial problems, it is imperative that local boards work with the ministry of colleges and universities on the revision of funding mechanisms so that all colleges are treated equitably."



WILLIAM HEELIS

Born in Montreal

Born in Montreal, Mr. Heelis received a BA in economics and English from the University of Western Ontario in 1969. He graduated from law school in London in 1972 and was called to the bar in 1974.

He is a member of the boards of directors of the Niagara Construction Association and Lookout Point Golf Club, Fonthill, where he served as president.

A member of the St. Catharines Business Club, he is an active member of Mountainview United Church.

Mr. Heelis was on the boards of the Cancer Society and the YMCA. He was on the executive of the Lincoln County Law Association, serving as treasurer in 1982.

A member and legal counsel of the St. Catharines District Chamber of Commerce for several years, he is occasionally appointed to the Education Relations Commission which mediates teacher/Board of Education disputes across Ontario.

Mr. Heelis said he is looking forward to his involvement with the Niagara College Board of Governors where he expects to become active in broader aspects of the educational system.

Graduates receive letters

Graduates of the hospital orderly program received letters of congratulation Jan. 27 at Mount Carmel Centre, Niagara Falls.

The students started classes Sept. 12 at Mount Carmel Centre with clinical experience gained at Shaver Hospital, St. Catharines, and Greater Niagara General Hospital (GNGH), Niagara Falls.

The 20 graduates are: Robert Baxter, Marc Bellerose, Brian Burnside, who was valedictorian; Tony Cammarata, Robert Capellari, John Conway, Ronald Coring, Carson Culp, Charles Fielding, John Flint, John Gmaz, James King, Michael Lee, Leighton Leggett, Calvin Robillard, John Ryan, Mario Sardella, John Walpole, Murray Wilhelm and David Woodley.

Representatives of GNGH, Canada Employment and Immigration Centre and Niagara College attended to wish the graduates success. They will receive certificates at the Niagara College graduation ceremonies.

Exceptional man

Learning disability no problem

By LINDA KOBRYN
Staff Writer

Paul Stemmler has that extra special ingredient that makes one person succeed where another gives up. Often called "dummy" and socially ostracized, he had to work harder than everyone else. He has learning disabilities.

A 1983 law and security graduate, he is a persistent, bright and quietly confident 23-year-old. He looks forward to the future and harbors no grudge against the system for the low 50 per cent he achieved. He graduated from college with 69.7 percent.

PAUL STEMMLER

Teaches class

He now teaches one class a day to learning disabled children at Orchard Park High School in Stoney Creek. They look at him and see it's not "a dead end road for them."

When Mr. Stemmler graduated from Grade 12 at Lakeport High School, his reading was university level, but his writing and spelling skills were Grade 4. Language was worse; he "wore out" five French teachers in two years.

He doesn't think he has exceptional drive, but "I just knew what I had to do" after graduating. Already one year behind in school, he took an extra year at Governor Simcoe High School where he heard there were special classes. With the help of two dedicated teachers, Tarmo Heyduck and Hilda Welch, he achieved a Grade 12 level in his writing and spelling.

He was spelling words phonetically and he couldn't hear all the sounds. He left off word endings and reversed letters. His brain-to-hand co-ordination was not good, nor could he write on a line.

"In grade school they tried everything, and no one thing made any difference. They let go my spelling grades too."

His two special teachers, using a new method, taught him to hear the sounds of the words. On his own, he wrote out the dictionary by breaking it down into one syllable words first, then all the two syllable words. When he got to the four syllable words he "threw it away." He "learned to cancel out" the differences.

"The kids are lucky today. They get help right away for their problems, not like when I went through the system. The kids at Orchard Park figure they're not going anywhere, but when they hear my problems, of the past, and see how well I've done, they try harder."

Customs job

Tall, dark-haired and slim, Mr. Stemmler talks excitedly about his summer job last year in the Thousand Islands, with customs and immigration's mobile surveillance unit. His boss helped him as much as he could. "I make a mistake, but I only make it once," he said. He divides his time betwen job-hunting, two English courses at the college and his hobby—girl-chasing.

Without the help, encouragement and motivation of these two teachers, he doesn't think "he would have made it this far."

Without his own tenacity and self-discipline, he couldn't have made it at all.

Young people must be performance-oriented

Betty Crockett, a Welland resident and mortgage manager for the Bank of Montreal, believes young people should be performance-oriented and always thinking about their places in the job market.

Formerly of London, the new member of Niagara College Board of Governors has led an active community life since moving to Welland in 1978.

Having a strong interest in the education of youth, she said, "It is important for society to realize that not everyone can or wants to attend university," adding it is "crucial for the society in which we live to support the community college system which provides educational alternatives for our young people."

BETTY CROCKETT

Once a clerk

Starting her career as a clerk at the Bank of Montreal, Ms. Crockett recently achieved a position which makes her responsible for all mortgage negotiations and arrangements in the Niagara peninsula. At the St. Catharines King Street branch, she is pioneering a new concept in the overall administration of mortgages.

Ms. Crockett was publicity chairman for the Welland and District United Way in 1982 and campaign chairman of the Cancer Society in 1983.

She has served on the board of directors of the Auto Parts Technology Centre, St. Catharines, and other boards relating to local business and industry.

Ms. Crockett was a member of the Health Facilities Committee and the Opticians Training Program Advisory Committee, both at Georgian College.

She was politically involved, from canvasser to campaign chairman, while living in London.

Ms. Crockett feels that education and industry must work together for the betterment of all Canadians.

Learning problems harm psyche

By LINDA KOBRYN
Staff Writer

Learning disabilities are not new. Before extra help was available, kids just blundered, struggled, slid from class to class, or dropped out. The school system is finding more kids with problems now because they are "looking for them," Don Reilley, Special Education, Niagara South Board of Education, said.

There are more boys than girls with learning disabilities. "Not many kids have bad disabilities," and there are different degrees of it. Most children grow out of it due partly to "maturation and to training to overcome" the problems, he said.

Bobby Traver, 9, had a miserable life. "It was pure hell," his mother, Gina Traver, said. "There was never enough time in school for him to get his work done, so there was always homework. If I asked him the question, he could answer, but he couldn't put it on paper.

Frustrated

"He would come home telling me nobody liked him because he was stupid and the teacher hollered at him all day. He was frustrated. He didn't like himself. His self-image was damaged."

Bobby blossomed after four months with a "warm, accepting" remedial teacher. His teacher saw his problems in Grade 3 and he was assessed. Twice a week he was taken out of class for extra help.

Although Bobby's problems will never be resolved, he has learned to work around them and not let them interfere with his work. "Best of all, his last report had three As on it," Mrs. Traver said.

Niagara South has an early identification program. A newborn has a fact sheet listing details of the birth, such as: was the pregnancy normal, was the labor long, was the birth normal, was the mother under 18? If a baby fits the high risk category, then neurological tests are done while it is still in the hospital. Abnormal test records are passed on to the health department who test the child at home. If the child passes the test at 18 months or three years, he is dropped from the list.

All students are tested when they register for school. If they don't recognize shapes and colors, this tells the teacher to "watch for problems," Mr. Reilly said.

Disability

In a kindergarten class of 20 "two to four will have some form of disability," Ron Swayze, Fonthill Public School principal, said.

After they are assessed and a program designed for the problem, they are put in whatever level they will do best in. The programs range from extra exercises within the classroom to complete removal to a special class.

"The system, school, is not perfect, but we are sure trying," Mr. Swayze said.

International Dinner on April 7

Students from the Hotel Club, Rainbow Centre campus, will be putting on an International Dinner at the Sheraton Foxhead Inn, Niagara Falls, on April 7.

The dinner and dance will be in the penthouse suite and cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. The sit-down dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the dance will start at 9 p.m. featuring disc jockey Tony Diodati.

Tickets for the dinner are $5 per person and may be purchased by contacting the college office at 354-9294; or call, after 4 p.m., Myra Hayward, public relations, 356-8334; William Spaan, co-ordinator, 354-3490; Rick Gibbs, assistant co-ordinator, 356-1851; and Rose Kellner, public relations, 354-7277.

The chef, Tom McMurchy, and sous chef, Bruce Kellott, have created a six-course menu of dishes from around the world. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served followed by soup solferino.

After a salad comes gnocchi parisienne, followed by the main course — chicken applejack, broccoli and water-chestnuts, and pommes biarritz.

Need practical training: Haeck

Christel Haeck, new member of the Niagara College Board of Governors, brings to her position a solid background in trades training and the labor movement.

Unhappy with government training programs which pay people as they train, she asked, "Are we training people for jobs or just to get them off the unemployment rolls?"

Some government training programs are not recognized by industry nor are they recognized in other provinces, she said. "We're short-changing people."

She would like to see "extensive" trades training which would be "definitely recognized."

Ms. Haeck, who lives in St. Catharines and works there as senior non-fiction librarian at St. Catharines Public Library, lived in Niagara Falls for 25 years.

Appointed to a three-year term on the board, she will represent the labor community. A member of the labor studies advisory committee for four year she has participated in labor-management courses and conferences through the institute of labor studies at Niagara College.

CHRISTEL HAECK

She was on the Board of Directors of the Niagara North Community Legal Assistance Clinic, where clients undergo a means test to determine whether they qualify for legal aid. Advice is given on administrative tribunals, tenant/owner obligations and pension regulations.

Trades-oriented

Born and raised in an extended trades-oriented family, Ms. Haeck helped organize the Fort Erie and St. Catharines library staff for the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). She has been president of both these CUPE locals and has held executive positions with the Niagara Area CUPE Council and the St. Catharines and District Labor Council.

Ms. Haeck, a graduate of A. N. Myer Secondary School in Niagara Falls, earned a BA in German and History at Trent University, Peterborough, in 1970. While working as a library assistant in Fort Erie she completed a master of library science through State University of New York, Buffalo.

A special interest of Ms. Haeck's is apprenticeship training. She feels "Canada is not doing justice to its young people by importing skilled tradespeople." She would like the Unemployment Insurance Act rewritten to enable unemployed people with some skill development to attend school while maintaining unemployment insurance benefits.

She considers the college system to be "a good development — a place of practical, hands-on experience where students are prepared for the job market."

Need to train workers, not import them: Hoyle

Gary Hoyle, Port Colborne alderman and industrial bricklayer, believes there is a "strong need for a good community college presence" to make a local contribution to the development of trades and technology.

The new member of the Niagara College Board of Governors who was on the Labor Studies advisory committee for more than eight years, said he looks forward to expanded involvement in college activities.

Canada must continue to develop its trades training so that skilled tradespeople do not have to be imported, he said.

The lifelong resident of Port Colborne said his roots go back to the United Empire Loyalists on his mother's side and to the building of the second Welland Canal on his father's side.

An alderman since 1980, he is on various committees including the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Heart Fund, the Niagara Tourist Council and the Port Colborne Airport Commission.

Concern for common people and their problems is his driving force, Mr. Hoyle said. Good listening and understanding skills should assist his work with people who, because of lack of education or resources, are not able to deal with problems they face due to bureaucratic red tape, he added.

A believer in life-long continuing education, Mr. Hoyle credits his wife, Pat, for her behind-the-scenes strength which allows him to maintain his strong dedication to the communities he serves.

Film theme to be religion

Renew, a program for Catholic parishes, will be the subject of a 15-minute documentary film produced by third-year radio and television (RTV) students on their work term. The project will mark the first time RTV students have done a religious film.

"The film will illustrate basically how it (the Renew program) works," Elias Petras, RTV instructor and supervisor of the project, said. "It will ultimately be used to be shown to get people involved and interested in the Renew program."

Hugh Cook

Gap must be bridged

Hugh Cook, City of St. Catharines administrator, is a strong supportor of local training programs who believes the gap between the shortage of skilled workers and the number of unemployed must be bridged.

Previously involved with the college through the advisory committee on Local Government Operations, the new member of the Niagara College Board of Governors, said he is "pleased to have it" (appointment) and, while he doesn't expect it to be "easy," said he will find it "rewarding."

Looking forward to becoming involved in the broader aspects of post-secondary and adult education which Niagara College deals with, he said, "The record demonstrates that community colleges have been tremendously successful in preparing young people for employment."

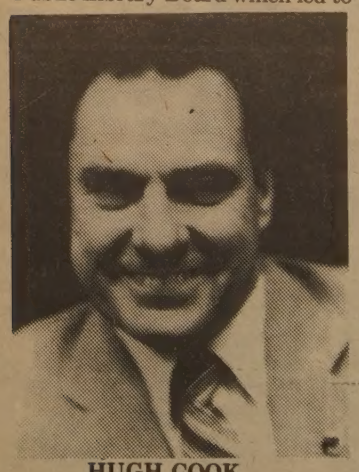
A resident of St. Catharines since 1974, Mr. Cook earned an honors BA in business administration from the University of Western Ontario.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of St. Catharines General Hospital and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

He is a member of the Board of the Civic Employees Credit Union, president of the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association and on the council of St. Paul Street United Church, St. Catharines.

While living in Fort William, where he served as an alderman, Mr. Cook was chairman of the Public Library Board which led to appointments to the North Western Ontario Regional Library Board, the Ontario Provincial Library Council and the Board of Governors of Lakehead University.

Mr. Cook, married with four children, is enthusiastic about participating in the Niagara College Board of Governors' overseeing the continuing delivery of programs to serve the needs of the region.



HUGH COOK

Casucci, Gilmore join college staff

Two new teachers joined the staff of the School of Business in January.

Clara Casucci became the first full-time accounting teacher and Debbie Gilmore joined the data processing staff.

They are the first full-time teaching positions for both women; Ms. Casucci teaches all levels of accounting and Debbie teaches COBALT and applied programming.

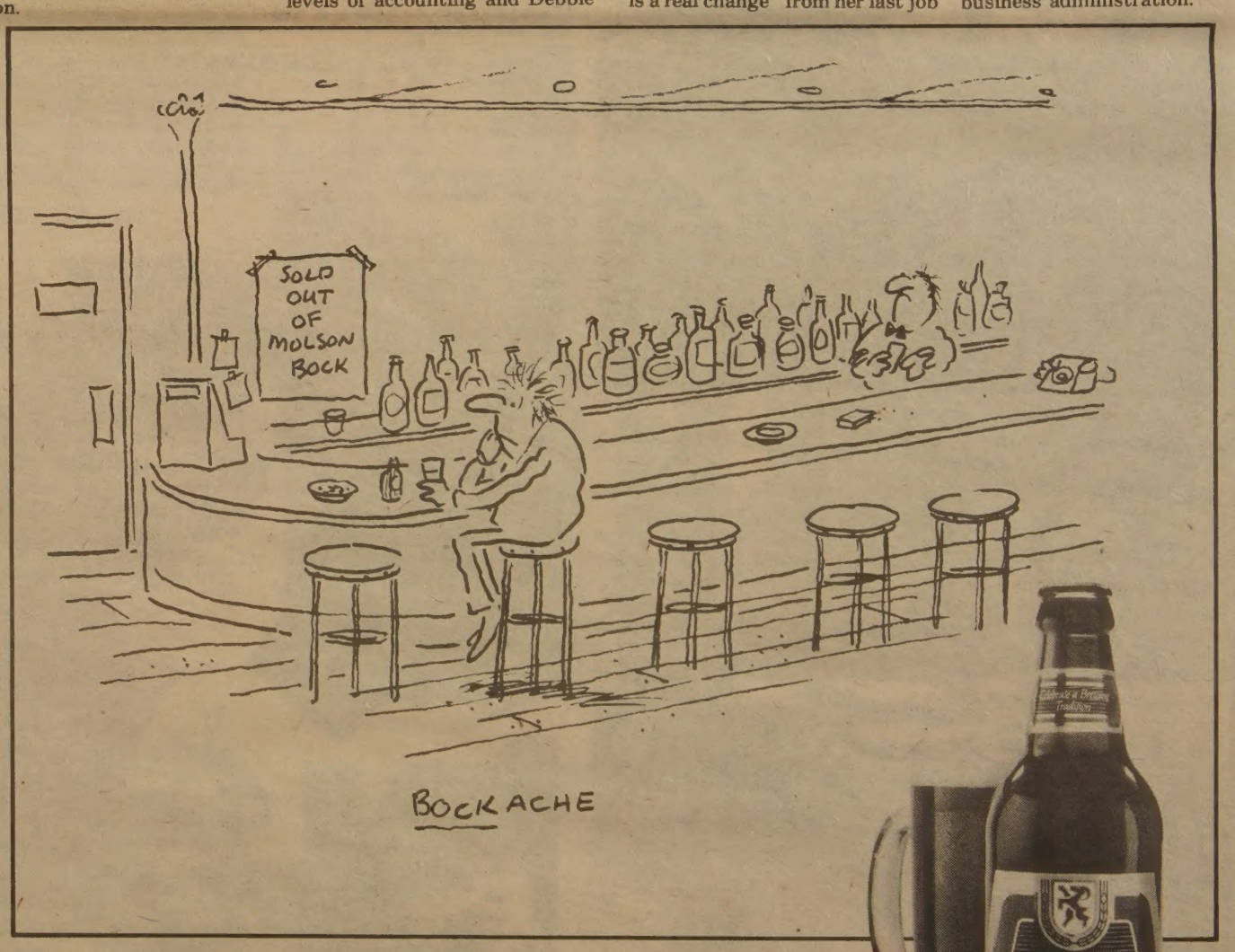
They both enjoy teaching at Niagara College. Debbie finds "the people are really good." She is "really impressed" with the college and the maturity of the students.

Ms. Casucci finds the informal attitude "refreshing." She said "it is a real change" from her last job where she dealt with clients at Price-Waterhouse in Hamilton.

Both women received their degrees at Brock University.

Debbie graduated in computer science and has a bachelor of science. At present, she is working on getting her honors degree.

Ms. Casucci, a chartered accountant, has a bachelor of arts in business administration.



SPOTLIGHT on

Horticultural Technician

The Horticultural Technician program provides the student with generalized training in practical and theoretical horticulture with an emphasis on greenhouse and nursery disciplines. The course includes identification and use of plant material, landscape design, construction and maintenance.

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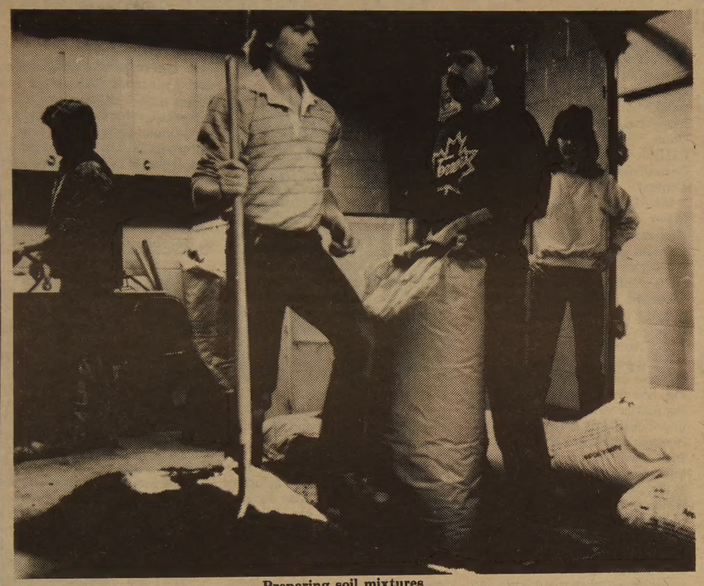
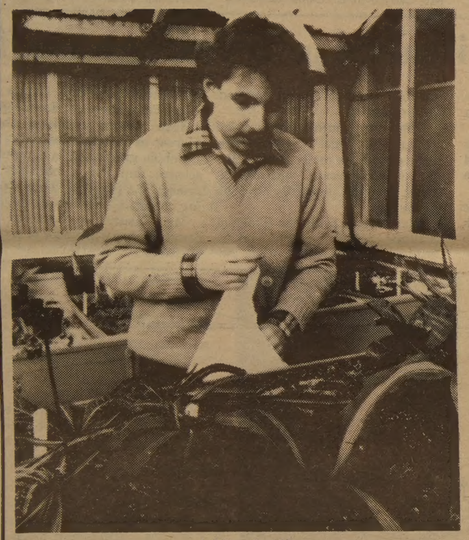


Preparing soil mixtures

Temperature check

Happiness is a fern

Thawing soil mixtures



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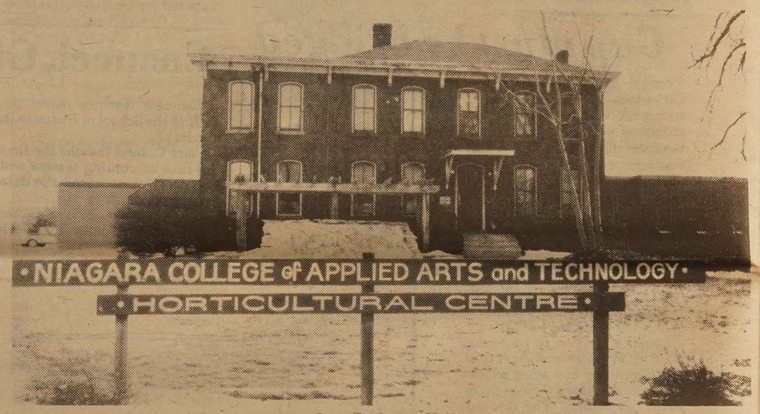

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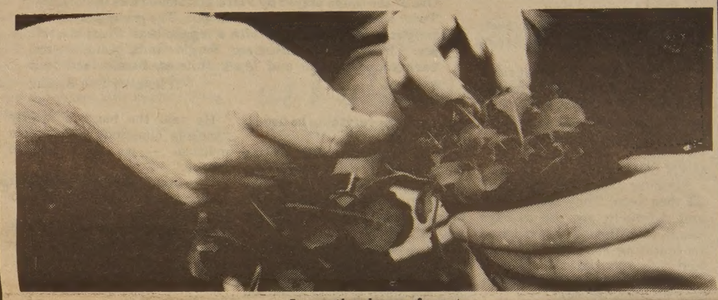
Immature plants tucked in bed



Inspecting leaves for rot

New testing ground for plant growth

Inspection for deformation

On the way to collect the sod

Different plant shapes thrive in the greenhouses

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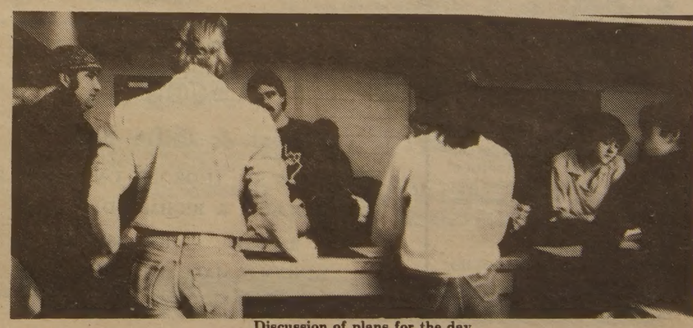

Discussion of plans for the day

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ENTERTAINMENT

Platinum Blonde adds twist, shout with reggae beat at pub on Feb.3

By LINDA MacLEOD
Staff Writer

The heat wave pub that featured Canada's own Platinum Blonde on Feb. 3 in the cafeteria was truly an exuberant experience.

The crowd was ready to wipe away the mid-winter blues that evening. Many people wore beach attire to receive two free beers — people will do anything for a beer.

The band was a major part of the evening and kept things rocking. Such talented men will reach their highest of goals and make Canada proud to call them their own.

Platinum Blonde, a Toronto trio, is touring with Billy Idol. They may not be the headline of the concerts with Idol, but they are liked by many fans.

Mark Holmes, 23, bassist, said, "It will come in time," when they headline act.

The band thinks it's great right now to open up for bigger bands. Holmes said it was the only way to get puclicized and to make it big in the music industry.

One of the songs played by Platinum Blonde was the Beatles' Twist and Shout on Feb. 3 at the pub. The group played the song in an abstract style with a reggae beat. From the left are: Chris Steffler, drummer; Sergio Galli, guitarist and background vocals; and Mark Holmes, bassist and lead vocalist.

(Photo by Sue Kmita)

OWN SOUND

Platinum Blonde have a sound all their own. They are distinct and definitely not the average band. They have been criticized for imitating The Police. Holmes said they only did about five of their tunes and that was when they first started out.

They perform all of their own tunes, with the odd song by The Beatles and a few other bands. But they did not play any Police songs at the pub. They really don't have to any more. The band has done exceptionally well for being together for only 14 months.

Their album and title track, Standing in the Dark, is their first album. It has already made it to 1050 CHUM's Top 30 Countdown. They registered in at number 29 for their first week on the charts on Jan. 28.

LEAD SINGER

Holmes not only plays bass guitar but he is the lead singer of the band. He's originally from Mansfield, England, and came to Canada with his parents in 1977 to live in Toronto.

His strong voice enchanted the crowd. He has the type of voice that could tame a wild beast. He sounded precise when he was playing the bass and he seems to be the back bone of the band.

Sergio Galli, 23, guitarist from Toronto, seemed like a fun-loving man who performed with great strength and power that intrigued the crowd with his expertise and professionalism. He harmonized perfectly with Holmes and he kept the crowd dancing.

Born in Ireland, Chris Steffler, 25, drummer, who lives in Toronto, joined the band in late 1982. Holmes put an ad in the newspapers for musicians and Steffler answered. Holmes did not have to make him audition because he had already seen him play the drums. Holmes was impressed by Steffler.

WAS PHENOMENAL

Steffler was phenomenal at the pub. Anyone could tell he was tired by the end of the night — and anyone could tell why! He was putting everything he had into the beat.

Even though the trio is getting more popular every day, they don't think it's degrading to play at college pubs after playing for large crowds at concert halls and arenas.

Holmes said, "We're doing this prior to the record release. We made these engagements and we're not about to break them. We have a contract to play. A lot of people would say forget it."

The band is moving up in the world quickly. Fame and fortune is just starting for them. The band might be moving too fast but, Steffler said, "We feel great about it. We're really appreciative to everyone."

"Except for that one guy in the crowd doing this —," Galli said while making a hand gesture using his middle finger. There is always one in the crowd.

Other than minor problems such as Galli mentioned, they love to perform and they are enjoying their new way of life.

Holmes said they really don't have any major influences. "The last thing we want is to sound like someone else."

LIKES BEATLES

Galli said he likes the Beatles and Steffler said, "I like the old, but the new is really great."

The song, Doesn't Really Matter, ties in politically. Holmes said, "It doesn't really matter if we all die." This song points to the cruise missile protests.

He said the band is mostly "socially conscious rather than political — we don't like to preach."

"As long as we can write our feelings down on paper we are going to keep on writing."

The name of the band is odd. Holmes said, "The name is what we're not. It's more of a sneer."

CALLED BLONDE

Instead of using the masculine "blond" they decided to use the feminine "blonde" to get their idea across to the public. Holmes said the name comes from "a glorious female blonde — Hollywood has sell-out everywhere — and we're not about to get it." Their image is not to be false, but to put forth realism.

Concert after concert they have played. Holmes said, "They've all been great." He said he liked Winnipeg the best, Steffler said he thought Edmonton was the best so far and Galli liked the Halifax concert the best. A bit of discrepancy there, but they said they have enjoyed all of them.

After the pub they were rushed back to Toronto to do an interview for Channel 57, City TV, at 2:30 a.m. They'll finish their tour with Idol and they will be off to Hawaii in March for a special CBS International ceremony for the worldwide release of their new album, Standing In the Dark, which has already been released here in Canada.

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Guest actor in play has sensitive role

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

There are many facets to the character of the psychiatrist in Equus ranging from philosophy to confusion. But that isn't expected to create problems for Michael Fawkes, guest actor who will protray the psychiatrist in the play which opens at the Theatre Centre tonight. The character may have many facets, but "so do I."

There is "nothing particularly technical" behind the role. It involves extensions of the human organism in which "all you have to do is equate; try to imagine the particular fears (in the character) as yours but larger, so they become your own fears."

Recommended

Mr. Fawkes, 32, a professional actor recommended by Duncan McIntosh, guest director, began acting professionally "arbitrarily". He grew up in Brantford where he was involved with a rhythm and blues band, then moved to the west coast. He was "plunked down in a foreign area" — (in Vancouver) — among friends who happened to be theatrical. They were planning a performance of My Fair Lady and invited Mr. Fawkes to get involved. He said the only alternatives open to him were to act or become a lumberjack.

Shaw Festival

He moved to England where he studied for two years and worked for four before returning to Canada. He worked with the Shaw Festival for three years. Last year he took a break from theatre and now foresees the possiblility of returning to Shaw in 1986. Stratford and the CBC may also figure in his future.

Of the Theatre Centre, Mr. Fawkes said: The members are "indescribably wonderful to work with. They're so easy-going and they'll throw themselves off precipices for you."

He approaches the stage with a sense of responsibility. The expectant faces in the audience are "people in my hand to whom I am responsible. I am their custodian for the next two hours and I must see to it that I do it well."

Illusions

He tries to create illusions of magic, but it's not magic. "It's skill, it's exposure to other skilled, well trained people."

Commenting on the American image of glittering stardom, Mr. Fawkes said stars are created through commerce, not talent. "It's a market to sell; it's as brutal as that."

He has never felt compelled to go to the United States. He is Toronto-based and said: "I would rather drive 45 minutes from Toronto and be surrounded by countryside than be surrounded by 50 million people so I can get my face on the front page of National Enquirer."

2-day conference in Toronto

A two-day conference for presidents and members of Boards of Governors from Ontario's 22 community colleges will feature entertainment and presentations by students.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO) conference, will be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 15 and 16.

Niagara College Fashion Arts students will present a selection from their Bright Lights and Celebration Show, depicting bicentennial costumes and their influence on today's fasions.

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The Cast

The cast of Equus, Theatre Centre play that opens tonight, are: in the foreground, Alan Strang and Jill Mason, portrayed by Andy Hathaway and Samantha Rumball; from left,in the centre, are Moia Holland as Nurse Lorette-Anne; Frank Fucile as Mr. Strang, Alan's father; Mikki Brown as Mrs. Strang, Alan's mother; Rick Cosby as Harry Dalton, stable owner; Scott Spidell as Nugget, a horse; Patty Jarvis as Hester Salomon; and Michael Fawkes as Martin Dysart, the psychiatrist. Horses are portrayed by Mark Buntrock, Susie Doneff, Joanne Evans, Marjorie Goddard,Glen Hauser, and Morris MacKanyn. The play opens tonight at 8 p.m. and runs to Feb. 18. It is a sensitive and passionate play that involves many complex characters.

(Photo by Theresa Gretzinger)

Annual comedy show success

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

The second annual comedy show was an hour and a half full of variety as eight contestants gave their best shot to entertain a full-house crowd.

Tony Dellaventura, 19, second-year marketing management student, won first prize at the Student Administrative Council (SAC)-sponsored event last Thursday in the Hamilton Room.

He received $200 and a six-month pass for two at Komedy Kabaret, and a free dinner for two at Kim Court restaurant in St. Catharines. Tony said he plans to use the money for "skiing and partying."

His five-minute act consisted mainly of jokes concerning the different types of customers he has been approached by when working at Canadian Tire.

"It is just a hobby now, but I wouldn't mind making a career out of it," he said.

Tony said he had a lot of fun doing the act and was really surprised and shocked that he won first place. Last year Tony was a contestant in the show but didn't win.

Dave O'Laughlin, 21, a third-year personnel management student, and Steve McCarthy, 18, first-year radio television, tied for second place. They each received $75 and eight Komedy Kabaret tickets.

PERFORMS OFTEN

Dave, who won third prize last year, has performed at Komedy Kabaret on many occasions. The audience responded well to Dave's act and at one time there was change thrown from the audience when he said he was handicapped.

Steve's act was different from the others as he did impressions of Clint Eastwood, Ronald Reagan, Sylvester Stallone, Michael Jackson and many more.

The other contestants were: Dirk Banner, Graham Brooks, Jim Rogina, Mike Pankow and Steven Moore (a team), and Richard Davies.

The show ran smoothly thanks to an excellent host, Darryl Cronkwright, a disc jockey for Charlie Chan's and a soundman for the Komedy Kabaret.

Darryl kept the audience in laughter with his jokes and kept hecklers in the crowd to a minimum with his wit.

"I am an amateur and it is the first time I've done my act in front of a live audience," Darryl said. "I really enjoyed doing the show and the crowd was great."

The judges were: Angie Lung, managing director of Kim Court; Rindy Adams, assistant manager; Denis Noel, SAC president; Ken Kormos, SAC vice-president' and Jim Trapnell, vice-president of internal affairs.

Denis said, "It was a great turnout and I hope that next year's SAC keeps it up."

Artist shows versatility through works of art

By ALETHA JONES
Staff Writer

Red and blue boats high and dry on a beach, the silver beauty of a split-rail fence, the motion of a carousel are seen and felt in the paintings of William Davies at the Hennepin Art Gallery.

The versatility of the artist is displayed in a still-life of fruit, portraits of his family, landscapes and an abstract entitled Opus. One can almost see the motion in the painting of children on a carousel.

Mr. Davies was at the Hennepin Art Gallery Feb. 3 to meet his public. He seemed happily surprised at the interest in his paintings displayed by visitors.

But despite this, he doesn't think artists become overnight successes. "You have to do something no else has done before," he said. "Van Gogh only sold one painting in his lifetime."

Mr. Davies, who studied art and architectural drawing at the University of Toronto, has retired from St. Catharines Collegiate where he taught for 30 years and was head of the art department.

He also studied in the fine arts option of Niagara's general college diploma program for two years, "finally I decided to do some painting myself," he said.

It was at the insistence of Kenneth Cosgrove, fine arts instructor who has known Mr. Davies for many years, that he finally agreed to a showing of his paintings at Hennepin Art Gallery.

The first time showing, provided with the assistance of the Ontario Arts Council, will be on display until Feb. 25.

The gallery will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Music, contests, prizes at Valentine's Pub

The Niagara Business Management Association (NBMA) will be holding a Valentine's Pub this Wednesday where students can mend their broken hearts.

One of the contests will be for students to try to find their matching heart. Those who win will receive prizes — probably champagne.

Tickets are $1 for members, $2 for non-members and may be purchased at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

Dave Miller, vice-president of NBMA, said there will be a disc jockey and different types of contests.

"Everybody had a great time at the last NBMA pub and if it's any indication, everyone attending this Wednesday night will have a good time," he said.

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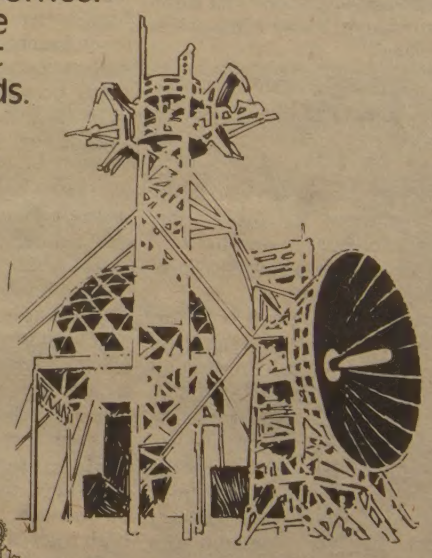

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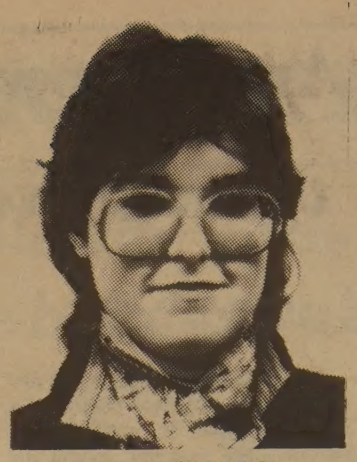

MOIA HOLLAND

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Roving Reporter

Students object to nude scene cut

By SUE KMITA
and DON BERNARD
Staff Writers

A nude scene has been deleted from the production of Equus opening at the Theatre Centre tonight. The Niagara News asked theatre students whether they agreed with the decision and whether they would be willing to perform a nude scene if they were an actor/actress.

Jeff Norman, 20, second-year: I don't agree with censorship. People are trying to cut it before they see the content. The nude scene is a form of art in the theatre. The way it was cut was wrong. They didn't come and see one of the rehearsals; they may have changed their opinion. The question is are people going to censor what you see or are you going to be able to decide for yourself? As for performing nude, I don't think I would, but I wouldn't go against anyone who did.

Moia Holland, 18, first-year: It's up to the people doing it (nude scene). It doesn't detract from the play. People are living in their own little world with conservative ideas and they should be more aware of what's going on. The nude scene is forceful. If the situation demands a nude scene, it would take months of thinking whether I would do one or not.

Malcolm Cowls, 19, second-year: No, I don't think the nude scene should have been cut out because it is what it is saying, not just that there is someone nude on stage. The play is an act of passion with a relationship with the horses. I think there should have been guidelines about who comes to see it. Yes, I would do a nude scene if I thought it was an important part of what was being said.

Gayle Brass, 20, second-year: I think it should have been censored for high school students but for adults it shouldn't because it's very important to the play.

Brenda Marchand, 22, first-year: It would have taken a lot of courage to do the nude scene. I don't think the audience that would have come would have cared for it. It's how you interpret the play itself as long as you keep most of the content in it.

Unemployment

Disease in Niagara region

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

A disease infects, inflames and can spread to others. It causes sickness, pain and sorrow. Sometimes a cure is found but only after many have suffered and many have died.

The Niagara region has a disease. It is known as unemployment.

During the month of December, St. Catharines-Niagara had the second highest rate of unemployment among 23 major Canadian cities, according to Statistics Canada. A rate of 17 per cent, up from 13.8 per cent in November, tied this region with Sudbury. Only Chicoutimi, Que. had more abysmal unemployment statistics at 22 per cent.

While the symptoms of the disease differ from a physical ailment, certain results do not. "When people hear that you're unemployed, they stay clear of you," Jim Hamilton, president of the Unemployed Action Alliance (UAA), 145 King St., St. Catharines, said. "Friends don't come around any more and family members can become impatient and critical."

Lobby

The UAA is composed of unemployed volunteers who lobby the government for more jobs, provide a job-search and hold informal discussion groups to provide moral support.

"Our biggest concern is to get jobs for people," Mr. Hamilton said. The marches to Toronto and Ottawa are peaceful. "We want to keep a good name for our organization."

Unemployment can hit people hard, he said. Since he has been president of the group (several months), he has attended the funerals of two unemployed people who committed suicide.

The UAA attracts all types of people, both white collar and blue collar workers. Many have lost homes and cars and have been on social assistance, Mr. Hamilton said. "All I can say is 'Thank God for macaroni and cheese' because it's all many of them can afford."

Upstairs from the UAA office, counsellors at the Unemployed Help Centre talk to, listen to and advise the unemployed.

Susan Davis, a social worker at the centre, divides her clients into two groups: those who are panicky because their Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) has just run out and those who are frustrated and left with little motivation because they have been on social assistance for a couple of years.

The centre, funded by the provincial and federal governments, is sponsored by the St. Catharines and District Labor Council. Counsellors offer emotional and psychological support in addition to advising people who have problems with UIC and workmen's compensation.

Those who come to see her are generally very depressed. "We can give people immediate help," she said, but the seriously depressed and potentially suicidal types are referred to a professional counsellor.

Her clients are anywhere in age from 18 to late 50s and most are blue collar workers. "There are some teachers who have come to us but, outside of them, not too many other professionals."

Is there any hope of a cure for this disease?

Prof. John McNeil, a specialist in regional economics and unemployment, Brock University, said no cure will be forthcoming in the short term.

"Unemployment is an indicator of something more deep-seated and wrong with the economy." In the Niagara region, structural and locational weaknesses in industry are the causes of unemployment, he said.

Structurally, industries in the area need to put more emphasis on growth. "Industries such as high tech can create more spin-off industries. There would be a high degree of linkage."

Prof. McNeil said industries must be continously adapting. Companies that do not expand are entrenching themselves in problems farther down the road.

Few companies have located in the area in the last 10 to 15 years, Prof. McNeil said. "In some cases, the wage rates are too high; sometimes the competition is too stiff."

He suggested work-sharing as a possible way to alleviate Niagara's problem. "The government must decide if it is economically and socially efficient."

Matt Fischer, general manager of the Niagara Region Development Corporation (NRDC), said his organization is ready to assist any company in order to reduce local unemployment.

The NRDC plans to market the region as a potential location for non-Canadian companies, expand Niagara's export development and assist area firms who need help in getting government funding for programs.

Promote

NRDC will go to Europe and Asia on trade missions this year to promote the region as well as sell products made in the area. Hong Kong is a specific target.

The NRDC is encouraging firms to export products to the United States and Europe to help Niagara industries grow. "The Canadian market is finite but if they start exporting to the States, their market will increase 10 times," Mr. Fischer said.

The organization also helps to get federal or provincial grants.

He said the NRDC would focus on helping the many area companies that have become outdated. "Many are not as efficient as they should be and are therefore not competitive."

Mr. Hamilton said the UAA is not in favor of short-term work for the unemployed. "These grants don't solve the problem. The government must create work that will put people back to work for a few years."

The disease of unemployment rages, then abates a little. The Niagara region, although an unfortunate victim, may have cause for hope. If the little successes keep building, the disease may subside to a controllable state where pain and suffering are minimal.

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Jack Muir fends off an angry pintail duck as he ventures a little too close to her nest for comfort. Mr. Muir does not want to tread carelessly in his backyard too often as he owns the largest bird sanctuary in Ontario with up to 800 birds banded. (Photo by Don Ross)

In Ontario

What started as hobby becomes largest sanctuary

By DON ROSS
Staff Writer

Jack Muir is not a wealthy man, he is not a man who would attract undue attention to himself and blends in rather well with his modest surroundings.

However, Mr. Muir has accomplished many things in his goal to preserve wildlife, in particular wild fowl. Mr. Muir owns the largest bird sanctuary in Ontario just off Kalar road in Niagara Falls. He has 70 acres of marginal land all donated to his wild birds, which include mallard ducks, black ducks, pintails, blue winged teal, canvas back and red head geese. These fowl have a one-acre pond in Mr. Muir's back yard in which to frolic; and a large amount of food brought in by the sackful every week.

Raised in Thorold during the depression, Mr. Muir is not accustomed to leisure life.

"In the depression I was a hunter, not for game but for survival. This is my way of repenting for all the killings I did in those days."

He started his bird empire 29 years ago by "begging, borrowing and stealing." All of his money and savings went into what started out as a hobby — but grew.

800 birds

Now, as the sanctuary has risen to its present eminence — 800 birds banded last year, more than any marsh in Ontario, Mr. Muir has received some recognition from the community. He has received donations from the Rod and Gun club and from the Niagara Falls Post office.

In the spring tours from all over the province, and occasionally other parts of North America, are run to see his bird farm. He gives instructional lessons to foreign students, and student tours from Toronto every year.

Unfortunately, Mr. Muir had 200 ducks go down the falls, unable to see where they were going in the fog. More than 100 of them were lost while the others are caught at the bottom, their wings frozen by the spray.

This mishap in no way will jeapardize his flock as their numbers grow every year.

In addition, Mr. Muir keeps track of where his birds go and their flight pattern. "Most of them go down the Missouri flyway but I've had some shot in Saskatchewan, Northern Quebec, and one down near Texas.

A humble man, Mr. Muir doesn't want attention or much press on his achievement.

'Appearance, attitude' vital for job success

By RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

Everyone's heard that looks don't matter; but they sure do when it comes to getting a job.

Today, success "is based initially on appearance and attitude," Anne Charette, owner of Pen Personnel, told a group of students in the Hamilton Room Tuesday.

The benefit of training and knowledge won't do applicants any good if their appearance isn't suitable.

A member of college advisory committees, she was invited to speak by the Niagara Business Management Association (NBMA).

Part of the blame for poor appearance and attitude lies with the educational system, she said.

"Dress codes, or lack of them, tends to develop a casual attitude."

Students are misled in school as their salary expectations tend to be a little high, she said.

Most graduates can afford to settle for a lower starting salary since most don't have to support a family and keep up with mortgage rates.

Salary

When filling out an application, it is best to write down "negotiable" when asked about salary, she said. At an interview, one should answer that due to the junior position being applied for, whatever the employer feels is reasonable will be fine — as long as this amount is not too low to survive on.

In preparing a resume, it "should be as complete a description of you as possible," Ms. Charette said.

ANNE CHARETTE

The resume should never be any longer than two pages and one should not attach work they have done, such as brochures and published stories.

Although some disagree, Ms. Charette believes references should be a part of the resume especially for those applying for a junior position.

If you're lucky enough to make it to an interview you should prepare yourself as "most interviews fail due to lack of preparation," Don Currie, co-ordinator of labor management studies, said in a filmstrip Ms. Charette showed.

The filmstrip was a grossly exaggerated interview about a young lady — Anne Wortman, a partner at Pen Personnel — applying for a receptionist's position. It was based on mistakes commonly made at interviews.

Interview

The applicant was late for the interview — a grave mistake as the employer will wonder if you can make it to work on time.

One should introduce himself/herself if the receptionist does not and one should shake hands with the interviewer if he extends his hand.

Don't smoke, don't fidget but do speak loudly and clearly and do maintain eye contact are other hints in passing an interview.

Up until a few years ago applicants could pick and choose their jobs. But with today's high unemployment rates, employers can pick and choose their workers.

Ms. Charette said this trend will probably continue through the 80s so the successful job applicant needs more than a good educational background.

Present renovation ideas

Architect Irv Griffiths presented ideas for major renovations to the Welland Vale campus at the Board of Governors committee of finance, property and administrative affairs meeting, Thursday.

The upgrading of Welland Vale is a "high priority" item for the college "in view of the government's thrust into skill training," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

More classroom space and staff rooms are needed and student lounges must be built, she said, adding the building "has the potential for a (year-round) marine training institute." Also needed is a teaching centre for industrial maintenance mechanics.

NOT KNOWN

While results of the committee meeting were unknown at press time, a hopeful Miss Robarts said the proposal "encompasses renovation and addition to that campus to meet various training needs in the technology area, especially skills development."

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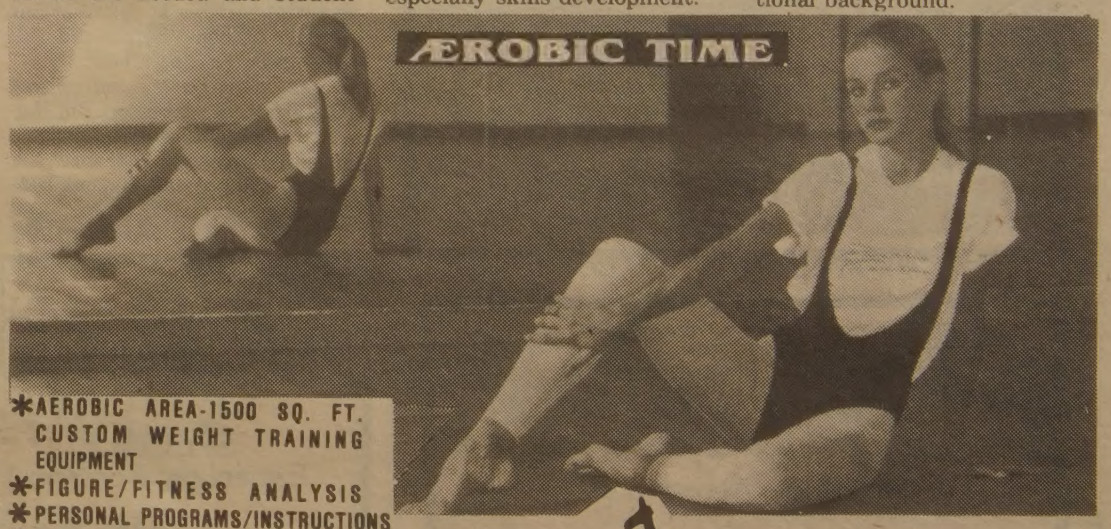

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Huskies fall 61-50 to Knights

By MURRAY STEWART
Staff Writer

An upset of the George Brown Huskies last Wednesday moved the Niagara women's basketball team into second place in the Ontario College Athletic Association standings as they defeated the Huskies 61-50.

The win gives the Knights a 9-2 record.

The Knights played their best, most consistent second half of the year against the George Brown team only occasionally running into slow spots.

"It was a super game; our defensive effort shut them down," coach Russ Stevenson said.

The game started slowly; no baskets were made for several minutes as both teams seemed a bit nervous.

Niagara scored first with a good inside play by Nancy Mather and quickly jumped out to a four-point lead, only to see the Huskies connect with several foul shots and close the margin to two.

Both teams made costly mistakes in the early going causing turnovers which only the Niagara team benefited from, as they gained a five-point lead after 10 minutes of play.

KEPT PRESSING

The lead was held by the Knights because of their good offensive and defensive play. George Brown kept pressing and started to sway the game in their direction closing the gap to three points. The pressure continued and the Knights, missing their shots, were kept from scoring for five minutes in the later part of the first half.

The Huskies started hitting from the outside, and a crazy bounce off the foot of a Niagara player allowed a Huskies player to break in alone and give them a one-point lead late in the first half.

Holding up well under the pressure, the Knights scored several quick baskets due to the excellent passing and headed into the second half leading 25-22.

The play in the second half was dominated by the Knights as they refused to give any ground to the aggressive Huskies team.

Excellent shooting from Paula Cattrysse gave the Knights a quick eight-point lead at the beginning of the second half. Strong defence forced George Brown to shoot from afar giving the Knights control of their boards.

WIDEN LEAD

Superb foul shooting and quick accurate passing widened Niagara's lead to 14 points late in the second half. The Huskies, hoping for a Fanshawe-like comeback, picked up the pace and closed the margin to five points with only two minutes remaining. The determined Niagara team refused to give up and stormed the George Brown defence.

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SPORTS

Women Knights buck Colts

By MURRAY STEWART
Staff Writer

The Women Knights basketball team scored another victory defeating the Centennial Colts 57-42 Feb. 3 at Centennial College.

The Knights started slowly missing shots and were kept off track in the early going as the Centennial team had a four-point lead after five minutes of play.

"We had some flat spots, but we played a really good game overall," assistant coach Mizette Critelli said.

Both teams had trouble setting their plays in the early stages of play, but the Knights held the Centennial team off the scoreboard and made some quick baskets to take the lead away from the Colts.

After Niagara's brief surge, the play was close as both teams traded baskets, with Niagara holding the edge and a two-point lead through most of the first half.

The Centennial team shot wildly from in close and were not given many rebounds because of the good defensive play of the Knights.

PLAY AGGRESSIVE

The play was slow but aggressive, and the Knights forced the Centennial team to shoot from afar and they were not hitting the target with accuracy. The momentum eventually swayed in the Knights'favor, and they took control of the game in the closing minutes of the first half.

At the end of the first half the Knights had opened up a seven-point lead and were leading the Colts 23-16.

"The team played a better second half, and that is what we have been working on," Miss Critelli said.

The pace of the second half picked up as the Knights started to penetrate the key area more easily and used forward Janice Hogeveen to score several quick baskets to widen the lead.

The Knights started to pass better and clicked well on the plays and opened up a quick 10-point lead, with good hustle from Vickie Partington and Paula Cattrysse.

The Centennial team were kept off balance through the second half, and were not allowed to have any free rein in the Knights end.

Everybody scored and Vickie Partington was high scorer with 13 points.

"The team had its best shooting percentage of the year; we really had a good shooting game, the entire team performed well," Miss Critelli said.

Sports commentary : Olympic hockey issue

By BILL POTRECZ
and DON ROSS

They may have won on the ice, but Team Canada lost in the real world of legalities and loopholes. As the glum ranks of the U.S. Olympic team left for the dressing room following a 4-2 defeat to Team Canada, it provided a lesson to those who would use legal bluster to win their wars.

It seems as if the American head honchos decided that Mark Morrison and Dan Dietrich should not be able to participate because they had already appeared in a few NHL contests.

The American mugwumps thought that by banning Canadian juniors from Sarejevo because they had played in one game in the NHL they could intimidate the young nationals on the ice. Unfortunately for the U.S., the Canadians failed to knuckle under to these bullying tactics and fall on their collective keysters as these leather-lunged officials had hoped.

Alan Eagleson, Hockey Canada's chief international negotiator, wondered aloud about players on other teams who are well-documented as being paid.

The International Olympic Commision (IOC) was brought in as trouble-shooter and came up with a most confusing decision. The IOC's decision in a nutshell is that Morrison and Dietrich could not compete because they are not amateurs in the truest sense of the word.

But Rich Cunningham, who toiled in the WHA, will be permitted to suit up as will Erich Kuhnhavkl who was making so much money he had to turn down an offer from the New York Rangers and will play for Germany.

The IOC's decision is completely arbitrary and leaves Team Canada with a couple of holes on their roster to boot.

This leaves even the most casual hockey observer with his eyebrows hiked up to his hairlines over this ruling to allow those who played in this now defunct league (which was thought to be a confectionery store copy of *the NHL) to compete.*

For years countries behind the Iron Curtain have paid their athletes, yet they are allowed to compete in the Olympics as amateurs. The minute Canada tries to use two players who had a grand total of 15 games experience between them they are bad-mouthed.

There is no rhyme or reason to this decision. Russ Courtnell, the Leafs' first round draft pick who is being paid by the Leafs, but has yet to appear in an NHL game, will be allowed to compete. This decision further fosters the idea the Olympics are no longer the "friendly games."

Before the Americans mount a bronze medal on their monopolistic mantlepiece the "kid brothers" north of the border may make them think a little on the shortcomings of their approach to amateur sport.

Poor showing by curling team

Niagara College's men's and women's curling team had disappointing finishes at the Georgian College bonspiel Feb. 4 and 5 at the Orillia Curling Club.

The men's team, comprising Don Kretz, Mark Brillon, Bill Harris and Stephen Jelbert, finished in 13th place in the 14-team event.

Debra Bowerman, Deanna Bakker, Debbie Warford and Christine Lever made up the women's team which finished seventh in the eight-team field.

"I am not very pleased with our performances," coach Don Papple said. "There is not all that much to say."

The men's team played four games, tying one and losing three. The team tied a rink from St. Lawrence 5-5 but then lost 8-3 to the overall winner, Seneca; 11-2 to Fanshawe and 5-4 to Sir Sandford Fleming.

"We did not play well but some of the scores are not indicative of the play," manager Bob Young said. "We should have won our last game but we got some bad breaks."

The tourney was constructed as a point bonspiel to even out the competition but Niagara could not take advantage.

The women's team did not fare much better as they lost four consecutive games by large margins. Their first loss was at the hands of Humber by a count of 13-5. They lost their second match to eventual winner Durham 15-6 and then 10-4 to Cambrian and 10-7 to Mohawk.

"We could have won the last match; it could have gone either way," Mr. Young said.

Mr. Young said Niagara will enter a mixed and a men's team in the Western Regional Playdowns in Windsor Feb. 25 and 26. "We decided not to enter a women's team because Debra Bowerman is having an operation and probably won't be ready."

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SPORTS

5th straight win for red-hot Knights

By DON ROSS
Staff Writer

The men's hockey Knights climbed into a first place tie with St. Bonaventure in the Intercollegiate Hockey League (ICHL) standings with a 5-3 victory over Erie Community College last Tuesday at Orchard Park.

Two goals by Dave O'Laughlin sparked the Knights to the win which was their fifth in a row.

The game was close until the final period with the Knights clinging to a 3-2 lead but successive tallies by Dave O'Laughlin and Scott Lang three minutes apart in the third period put the game out of reach.

O'Laughlin's second goal came on a long range shot which seemed to handcuff goalie Rick Geschwenner of Erie.

The Knights opened a 1-0 lead with just under five minutes left in the first period when Andy Von Oosterlout tipped in a shot from the point as he cruised in front of the net.

Kevin Williams juggles a shot from the point against Erie last Tuesday night. Kevin put on a goaltending clinic as he made numerous great stops as the Knights won 5-3.
(Photo by Bill Potrecz)

GIFT OF GOAL

The Knights got a gift in the second period when Dennis Iamorino stole the puck while Niagara was shorthanded and skated alone on Geschwenner for a goal to make it 2-0.

The Knights scored twice in the period despite being outshot 18-5, with Niagara goaltender Kevin Williams making several big saves.

Williams was a standout for the Knights; he stopped 33 of 36 shots fired at him.

"We've been playing very well lately," coach Fred Bassi said. "When you allow only 12 goals in the last five games like we have it shows on the won-lost record."

"We've got a big game coming up against University of Rochester who have been playing very tough lately beating Buff State twice."

"Right now it would be very tough for us to lose second place should we not get first."

The Knights will next play University of Rochester at the King Street Ice Palace on Feb. 18.

Schedule

Men's basketball

Thursday, Feb. 16 — Fanshawe at Niagara.
Friday, Feb. 17 — Niagara at Seneca.

Women's basketball

Thursday, Feb. 16 — Fanshawe at Niagara.
Friday, Feb. 17 — Niagara at Seneca

St. John Fisher bows to Knights

By BILL POTRECZ
Staff Writer

The hockey Knights continued their winning ways with an 18-2 lambasting of St. John Fisher of Rochester at the King Street Ice Palace Feb. 4.

The Knights were led by Mike Wagner and Jim Long who each recorded hat tricks. Captain Dave O'Laughlin, Gary Kukoly and Al Cousineau each chipped in with two goals while Jamie Coring, Gary Montambault, Jeff Read, Larry Vaughn, Scott Laing and Gary MacDonnell each had singles.

The game began as if St. John Fisher might put up a battle as the score was knotted at 1-1 after the first period.

"The first period was their best period," coach Fred Bassi said. "We came out flat against them."

The score might have been even higher if it had not been for the outstanding work of St. John Fisher goalkeeper Tom Marianetti who faced a total of 58 shots and kept the score respectable until the third period.

ONLY 7 SHOTS

Knights' goaltender Greg Yari had an easy night as he faced only seven shots during the entire course of the game. "The goaltending came up big when we needed it but it was hard for Greg to keep sharp," Mr. Bassi said.

The Knights began the game very slowly, mainly due to the seven penalties they took in the first period which did not allow them to get untracked.

"It was hard to motivate the players for a game like this, but the defence played well and the lines are starting to gel.

Dave Fess and Frank Laforce scored for St. John Fisher who have now surrendered 57 goals in three games against the Knights.

The Knights now sport a record of 7-2 and still have an outside chance for first place depending on the outcome of the Buffalo State and Rochester games.

The Knights are in action at home against the University of Rochester Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

"We will give it our best shot and come out with something."

Peat, Nelson champs

Tom Peat and Mark Nelson won the men's badminton doubles for Niagara College at the OCAA west regionals in Conestoga on Feb. 2 and 3 — the first time a Niagara badminton duo has finished in first place.

They won the final contests against Conestoga 15-5 and 15-6. Overall the Peat-Nelson combo finished 7-2, their only setbacks being against St. Clair in the same match.

Coach Dave Carpenter said the entire team showed good balance in all areas. "The women's doubles team played extremely well considering they only had three practices and next year should be very strong."

A newcomer to the squad, Atul Sachdeva, playing in his first college tournament, showed remarkable poise in his matchups losing by only one and two points, Mr. Carpenter said.

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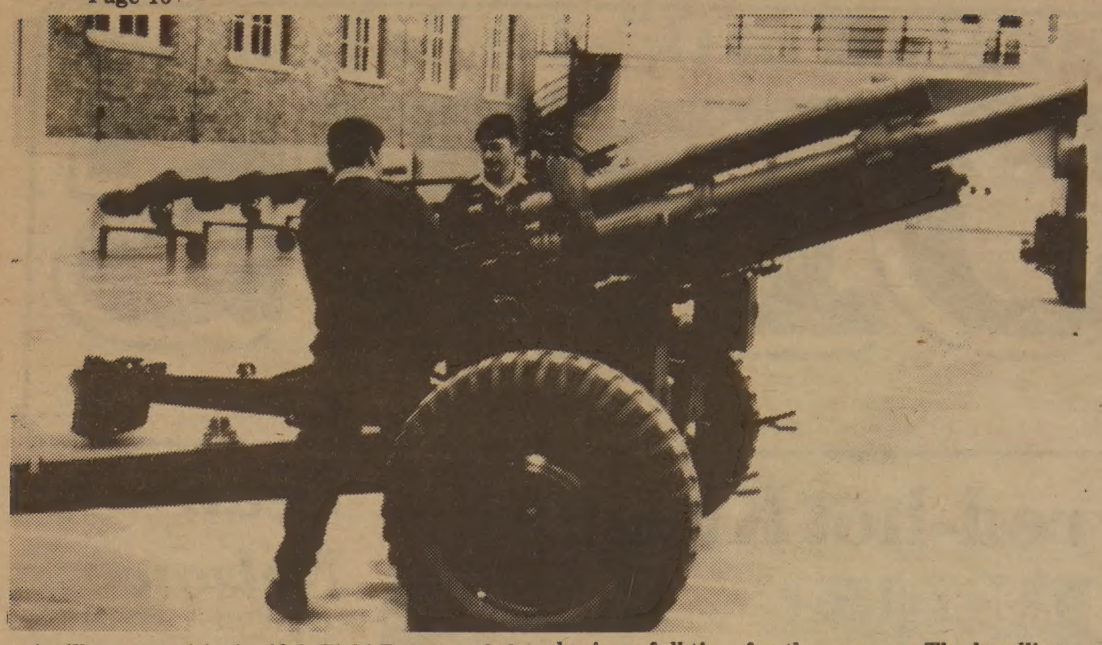

Artillerymen with the 10th Field Battery of the 56th Field Artillery Regiment practise sighting and firing this Howitzer 105 mm. gun. The 10th battery will be taking on recruits on a part-time basis or full-time for the summer. The handling and care of these guns is just part of the training these recruits will receive. The 10th battery is located on Lake Street in St. Catharines.
(Photo by Russ Duhaime)

Army seeks recruits

Chance for part-time work

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

For anyone looking for a part-time job or full-time summer employment, the 10th Field Battery of the 56th Field Artillery Regiment will be kicking off a recruitment drive today (Feb.13).

The 10th battery, located on Lake Street in St. Catharines, is one of three batteries that make up the 56th regiment. Along with the 54th battery in Brantford and the 69th battery in Simcoe, the 10th battery will be seeking recruits to fill out its rosters.

Major Blaise McDonnell of the 10th battery said it is seeking recruits between 17 and 35 to join on a part-time basis year round or full-time for the summer. To join the summer program, recruits should apply soon because they must be totally enrolled and sworn in by April 1.

There are at least 10 vacancies in the summer program and 70 vacancies in the part-time program. In either case recruits must have at least a Grade 8 education and must pass a stringent medical examination.

RECRUIT TASKS

The first 2½ weeks of the summer program train the recruits up to the level of private. The recruits will learn first aid, map use, small arms shooting, small arms handling and regimental history. They must also do drill practice which teaches them to perform as a unit.

The final 3½ weeks of the program are a Trades Qualification Course (TQ1). Here they learn to be artillerymen on a 105 mm. Howitzer. They will learn to sight, fire and care for the gun as well as learn the seven gun positions. They will also learn extra skills with and without arms, such as communications.

"If you work at it and you look at it as an avocation rather than a vocation you can have a lot of fun, make lots of good friends, do a lot of interesting things, and last but not least make a fair bit of money," Maj. McDonnell said. "A private recruit will earn more than $25 a day.

Usual practice for part-time recruits is on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. (1900 hrs.) to 10.30 p.m. (2230 hrs.). They will also practise on some Saturdays and Sundays.

HISTORIC BATTERY

The 10th battery is an old and historic battery which dates back to the founding of the Welland Canal. Because it is the local St. Catharines battery, it will be assigned to do at least two shoots (Royal Salutes) for the Queen's expected visit to St. Catharines in July. Maj. McDonnell said training between now and June is "just go go go."

They work every Tuesday and Thursday, most Saturdays and some Sundays in preparation for the Queen's visit, which is not yet confirmed.

Maj. McDonnell said he hopes to have six guns ready for the Queen's visit. A 21-gun salute must be timed exactly with shots fired every 10 seconds. "We practise a lot of dry firing." His battery has performed Royal Salutes with as few as three guns but "the more guns the better" in case one gun misfires. "When the Queen is around you don't want mistakes to happen."

Maj. McDonnell said work with the 10th battery is more than just a job. "We try to instil a bit of pride, self discipline and camaraderie." The recruits learn to look out for and care for each other.

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From Page One

Questionnaire

many humorous replies such as requests for table top dancers.

RESIDENCE BETTER?

Other sugggestions included that instead of having a student centre built, it would be better to have residences and another parking lot. Many were concerned that they would graduate before it was completed.

Ken Kormos, vice-president of SAC, said, "The student centre will definitely be open to alumni members. Past or new students — everyone will benefit."

John Nagy, vice-president of finance, said the students are generally misinformed about SAC's responsibilities and purposes. He said there were many negative responses of students requesting a parking lot, residences, and more classroom space.

John said SAC was not responsible for these areas. As for a new parking lot, John suggested "the students direct their suggestions and inquiries to the department responsible for plant and property."

Ken Kormos, vice-president of SAC, said there was a higher percentage of positive reactions from students; however, some students are "off track."

SAC accommodates students in recreation, leisure, entertainment and leisure activities. Ken said, "We supply students with extra benefits."

Out of 113 responses, only two were from instructors and there were none from administration. John said he would like to see the administration and instructors fill out the questionnaires as well as students.

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The idea of having a student centre built has been pursued by students as well as past SACs in recent years. Ken said, "In the long run, it will be a money maker if it is run successfully. It could reduce costs in everything that is available to students."

Heart-Save holds dance

The Heart-Save-Niagara committee is sponsoring a dance at the Merritton Community Centre, Park Street, St. Catharines, March 10. Proceeds will buy mannequins to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Tickets at $5 each may be purchased from Frank Adamson, coordinator of ambulance and emergency care, H-4, extension 591; or Lorraine Gelinas, S-310, extension 760. The dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. will feature Jeffrey and the Juniors playing favorite '50s' tunes.

Mr. Adamson said the committee is hoping for 600 people to attend. The goal is to raise $6,000 to buy 20 CPR mannequins at $615 each.

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